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SUBJ: KOREA IN 28TH UNGA: AUGUST 24 WORKING GROUP (WG)

MEETING

REFS: (A) USUN 2947, (B) STATE 168570

1. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S PROVIDING TEXT ON UNC ENABLING US TO DISCUSS IN WORKING GROUP MEETING AUGUST 24. IN RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST FOR REACTIONS, WESTON (UK), ECHOED BY OTHERS, WELCOMED OUR CONTRIBUTION. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT FORMULATION DURECTLY CALLING FOR SC ACTION WOULD AT MINIMUM LEAD TO SC CONSULTATIONS. JOSEPH (AUSTRALIA) SAID LANGUAGE SEEMED TOO WEAK TO ATTRACT VOTES YET AT SAME TIME WENT VERY FOR TOWARD PRESSING SC TO HOLD EARLY MEETING. HAM (ROK) SAID LANGUAGE APPEARS TO DESIRE MAINTENANCE OF STATUS QUO AND THEREFORE WOULD NOT ASSIST SUCCESSFUL LOBBYING EFFORTS. OHTAKA (JAPAN) SAID "PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED" APPARENTLY COULD ONLY MEAN THREE ENTITIES WHICH ENFORCED THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT, I.E. COMMANDER OF UNIFIED FORCES, PRC AND DPRK. OTHERS AGREED THIS MOST LIKELY INTERPRETATION. IF ANOTHER INTERPRETATION INTENDED, THEN DRAFT MISLEADING. WESTON, WITH OTHERS CONCURRING, SAID LANGUAGE WOULD HAVE TO GO FURTHER IF IT TO MEET NEEDS OF SITUATION. WE POINTED OUT THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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DEPARTMENT LANGUAGE DRAFTED BEFORE RECEIPT OF WG FORMULATION

ON UNC (REFTEL A). WE ASSURED WG WE WOULD REPORT REACTIONS FULLY.

- 2. WE HELD EXTENSIVE BUT INCONCLUSIVE DISCUSSION OF TACTICS RELATED IN PARTICULAR TO OBTAINING VOTING PRIORITY FOR OUR RES. WG UNANIMOUS IN CONVICTION THAT WE MUST STRIVE FOR PRIORITY. FROM WG REPORTS OF VARIOUS SOUNDINGS AMONG BOTH LEGAL AFFAIRS AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY AFFAIRS SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS. WE OBLIGED TO CONCLUDE THAT SITUATION ON PRIORITY AT MOMENT IS NOT CLEAR, BOTH BECAUSE OPINIONS OF SECRETARIAT STAFF CONTRADICTORY AND BECAUSE WE DO NOT YET KNOW IF DPRK SUPPORTERS PLAN TO STAND PAT ON THEIR RES OF LAST YEAR OR SUBMIT NEW TEXT. SECRETARIAT DIFFERENCES ARE OVER QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT LAST YEAR'S ALGERIAN RES, IF PRESSED IN PRESENT FORM, CAN BE GIVEN PRIORITY OVER NEW RES CIRCULATED BY ROK SUPPORTERS THIS YEAR. WE AGREED CONTINUE SEEK CLARIFICATION FROM SECRETARIAT, AND CONCLUDED THAT THIS ELEMENT OF UNCERTAINTY UNDERLINED NEED TO MAXIMIZE CHANCES OBTAINING PRIORITY BY TABLING OUR OWN RES AS EARLY AS WE CAN.
- 3. JAPANESE GAVE BRIEF REPORT ON OUTLOOK FOR COMPOSITION OF GENERAL COMMITTEE. COMPOSITION THAT 25-MAN STEERING GROUP NOT COMPLETELY SETTLED. WE ACCEPTED AS WORKING PREMISE KOREAN ASSESSMENT THAT ON BASIS PRESENT LIMITED INFORMATION ON GC WE ARE ASSURED OF SOLID SEVEN VOTES AGAINST OPPOSITION'S SIX TO SEVEN VOTES ON ALMOST ANY QUESTION ON KOREA. WG UNABLE GO BEYOND THAT AT THIS STAGE. CURRENT KNOWLEDGE REGARDING GC COMPOSITION REPORTED SEPARATELY.
- 4. WG WILL RESUME AUGUST 27. BENNETT

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